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THE REGULATIONS
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REGULATIONS.

1. THE ETHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON is formed for the purpose of inquiring into the distinguishing characteristics, physical and moral, of the varieties of Mankind which inhabit, or have inhabited, the Earth; and to ascertain the causes of such characteristics. OBJECT.

2. The Society shall consist of a President, Four Vice-Presidents, and Fellows. CNSTUTION.

3. The Government of the Society shall be vested in the Council; and the Council elected as hereinafter directed shall consist of the President, the Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and Twenty-one Fellows. GOVNMMENT.

4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and ordinary Members of the Council, shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting; and seven of the ordinary Councillors shall not be re-eligible in the same capacity for the ensuing year : the retiring individuals to be selected by the Council. ELECTION OF COUNCIL.

5. If, in the interval between two Annual Meetings, any vacancy in the Council shall occur, the Council shall have the power of appointing some Fellow of the Society to fill such vacancy. Particular subjects may be referred by the Council to Committees, to be named by the President or Chairman; and such Committee shall report to the Council the result of their proceedings. PRIVILEGES OF COUNCIL.

6. Every person desirous of admission into the Society as a Fellow must be proposed and recommended, agreeably to the Form No. 1. in the Appendix; which Form must be subscribed by at least three Fellows, one of whom must certify his personal knowledge of such Candidate. ELECTION OF FELLOWS.

7. Every Candidate's recommendation must be delivered to the Secretary, and read at one of the Ordinary Meetings of the Society: after which it shall be placed in some conspicuous part of the room in which the Society meets, and shall there remain till the Candidate is ballotted for.

8. The ballot shall take place at the second Ordinary Meeting after that on which the Candidate is proposed, provided twelve Fellows be then present. No person shall be considered as elected unless he have three-fourths of the votes in his favour.

ADMISSION
OF
FELLOWS.

9. Every person so elected, having subscribed the Form No. 2. in the Appendix, shall, on producing the Treasurer's certificate that the payments hereinafter directed have been made, be admitted by the Chairman at the first Ordinary Meeting at which he is present, according to the following Form:—"In the name, and by the authority of the Ethnological Society, I admit you a Fellow thereof."

10. But when a person so elected may not be able to attend a Meeting of the Society, he may be admitted by proxy; in which case (the Form No. 2. being subscribed, and the Treasurer's certificate above mentioned being produced) the Chairman, addressing such proxy by name, shall say, "In the name, and by the authority of the Ethnological Society, I admit A.B. a Fellow thereof."

PRIVILEGES
OF
FELLOWS.

11. The Fellows have the right to be present, to state their opinion, and to vote at all General Meetings; to propose candidates for admission into the Society; to introduce Visitors at the Ordinary Meetings of the Society; and to introduce, either in person or by Letter, scientific Foreigners to the Library; to have transmitted to them all official documents which the Council may cause to be printed for the use of the Society; and, under such limitations as the Council may deem expedient, to have personal access to the Library and all other public rooms in the house of the Society; and to borrow books, maps, plates, or drawings, belonging to the Society.

12. All the Fellows are eligible to be members of the Council and Officers of the Society.

13. Each Fellow shall pay an Annual Contribution of 2*l.*, and an Entrance-fee of 3*l.*, which may at any time be compounded for by a payment of 20*l.*; but no Entrance-fee shall be exacted from the first 200 Fellows, and their composition shall be reduced to 12*l.*

CONTRIBUTORS
OF
FELLOWS.

14. The Annual Contribution shall become due, in advance, on the First day of January in each year; but no Fellow is expected to pay twice in the same session. Any Fellow being absent from the country during an entire session shall be exempted from the payment of his Subscription during that year, provided that he has given due notice to the Council, in writing, of that absence.

15. Whenever a Fellow shall be one year in arrear in the payment of his annual contributions, the Treasurer shall forward to him a Letter, of the Form No. 3., or of the Form No. 4. in the Appendix, according as he resides in London or in the Country.

16. If the arrears be not paid within three months after the forwarding of such Letter, the Treasurer shall report such default to the Council, and the Council shall use its discretion in erasing his name from the list of Fellows; and he shall not be allowed to attend the Meetings of the Society, nor to enjoy any of its privileges and advantages, until his arrears be paid.

17. Any Fellow may withdraw from the Society, by signifying his wish to do so, by letter under his own hand, addressed to the Secretary, at the apartments of the Society. Such Fellow shall, however, be liable to the Contribution of the year in which he signifies his wish to withdraw; and shall continue liable to the Annual Contribution until he shall have discharged all sums due by him to the Society; and shall have returned all books, or other property, borrowed by him of the Society; or shall have made full compensation for the same, if lost or not forthcoming.

RETIRING
OF
FELLOWS.

EXPULSION
OF
FELLOWS.

18. Should there appear cause, in the opinion of the Council, for the expulsion from the Society of any Fellow, a Special General Meeting shall be called by the Council for that purpose; and if three-fourths of those voting agree, by ballot (not less than twenty Fellows being then present), that such Fellow be expelled, the President, or other Fellow in the Chair, shall declare the same accordingly; whereupon his name shall be erased from the List of Fellows.

ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETINGS.

19. A General Meeting shall be held annually in May, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive the report of the Council on the state of the Society, and to deliberate thereon; and to discuss and determine such matters as may be brought forward by the Council relative to the affairs of the Society. These propositions having been previously read as a whole, shall then be considered paragraph by paragraph. Also, to elect the Officers for the ensuing year. As soon as twenty-five Fellows shall be present, the Chair shall be taken, and the Chairman shall cause to be read the Regulations relating to the Anniversary General Meetings; he shall cause to be distributed a sufficient number of balloting-lists, according to the Form No. 5. in the Appendix; and he shall appoint two or more Scrutineers, from among the Fellows present, to superintend the ballot during its progress, and to report the results to the Meeting: the ballot shall close at the expiration of one hour. If there be not twenty-five Fellows present, the Council, and the Fellows who may be present, shall perform the duties of a General Meeting, but they shall not be competent to alter any rule of the Society. No rule shall be altered unless two-thirds of the voters concur in the proposed change.

20. Each Fellow voting must deliver his balloting-list, folded up, to one of the Scrutineers, who shall immediately put it into the balloting-box. And the name of the Fellow so delivering his list shall be taken down by the Secretary, or by some person appointed to do so.

21. The Council shall call a Special General Meeting of the Society whenever it seems to them necessary, or when required by any five Fellows so to do. SPECIAL
GENERAL
MEETINGS.

22. Every such requisition shall be signed by five or more Fellows; and shall specify, in the form of a Resolution, the object intended to be submitted to the Meeting.

23. The requisition, the motion, and the notice of the Special Meeting, shall be suspended in the Meeting Room one month, and sent to all Fellows one fortnight previous to such Meeting; and at the Meeting the discussion shall be confined to the object specified in the motion.

24. The Ordinary Meetings of the Society shall be held on a Wednesday in every month from November to June, both inclusive; and a printed card of such Meetings shall be delivered to each Fellow before the commencement of the session. ORDINARY
GENERAL
MEETINGS.

25. Business shall commence at Eight o'clock in the evening precisely, when the Minutes of the preceding Ordinary Meeting shall be read.

26. The business of the Ordinary Meetings shall be, to read the Minutes of the preceding Meeting; to announce any donations that may have been made to the Society; to propose and ballot for Members; and to read and discuss such communications relating to Ethnology as have been approved by the Council.

27. Every Fellow shall have the privilege of introducing a Visitor at an Ordinary Meeting of the Society, whose name, and that of the Fellow introducing him, shall be entered in a book kept for the purpose.

28. At an Ordinary Meeting, no question relating to the Rules or management of the Society shall be introduced.

29. The President, any one of the Vice-Presidents, or any three Members of the Council, may at any time call a Meeting of the Council, to which the whole Council shall be summoned. COUNCIL
MEETINGS.

30. In all Meetings of the Council, five to be a quorum : all questions to be decided by vote, unless a ballot be demanded ; and the decision of a majority to be considered as the decision of the Meeting ; the Chairman having, in case of an equality, the casting-vote. The determination of the Council, whether by vote or ballot, shall, at the desire of any two Members present, be deferred to the succeeding Meeting.

DUTIES
OF
COUNCIL.

31. The duties of the Council shall be to see that Minutes of its proceedings are taken, during their progress, in a rough book, by the Secretary, or, in case of his absence, by some Fellow present, whom the President shall appoint for the occasion ; which shall be afterwards copied into a fair Minute-Book to be kept for that purpose, and read and signed by the President or Chairman at the next Meeting of the Council ; to examine, present, and cause to be read at the Anniversary Meeting, a complete Report of the accounts and of the general concerns of the Society for the preceding year ; to draw up a Report on the state of the affairs of the Society, to be presented at the Annual General Meeting : and in this Report shall be given an abstract of its proceedings during the year.

DUTIES
OF
PRESIDENT.

32. The President shall take the Chair at every Meeting of the Society, or of the Council, at which he may be present : he shall keep order in all proceedings ; submit questions to the Meeting ; and perform the other customary duties of a Chairman.

33. It is his duty to execute, and cause to be executed, the Regulations of the Society ; to see that all the Officers of the Society, and Members of the Council and of Committees, perform the duties assigned to, or undertaken by them respectively ; to call for Reports and Accounts, from Committees and persons ; to cause, of his own authority, and when necessary, Special Meetings of the Council and of Committees to be summoned ; and to propose, from

time to time, to the Council such measures as shall appear to him conducive to the welfare of the Society.

34. As Chairman of the Council, he shall appoint Referees to examine and report on Original Papers communicated to the Society, previous to their publication.

35. It is his duty, conjointly with the Council, to consider and resolve on the names of Fellows who are to go out of the Council, and of those to be recommended at the Anniversary General Meeting to fill up the vacancies.

36. When prevented from being present at the Meetings of the Fellows or Council, or from otherwise attending to the current business of the Society, he will be expected to give timely notice thereof to one of the Vice-Presidents, or, in their absence, to some other Member of the Council, in order that his place may be properly supplied.

37. One of the Vice-Presidents shall supply the place of the President when absent. And twice, or oftener, in every season, they shall examine, in detail, the state of the household; the Secretary's department; the keeping of the official Books and the Library, including Drawings and Maps.

DUTIES
OF VICE
PRESIDENTS.

38. The Treasurer has special charge of all Accounts; and shall see to the collecting all sums of money due to the Society. And he shall report, from time to time, to the Council the names of all such Fellows as shall be in arrear, together with the sums due respectively by each.

DUTIES
OF
TREASURER

39. He shall, of his own authority, appoint a Collector, for whom he shall be responsible, and who shall receive a reasonable remuneration; and the money collected shall immediately be paid to the Bankers of the Society.

40. In concert with the Secretary, the Treasurer shall keep a complete List of the Fellows of the Society, with the name and address of each accurately set forth; which List, with the other Books of Account, shall be laid on the table at every Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

41. He shall also pay all accounts due by the Society,

so soon as they have been examined and approved by the Council. But no drafts on its Bankers shall be payable, unless signed by three of the Council; and the Accounts of the Treasurer shall be annually audited by two Fellows, proposed by the President or Chairman, and approved by the Ordinary Meeting held one Month prior to the Anniversary.

DUTIES
OF
SECRETARY

42. The Secretary has a general charge of all the arrangements, and of the execution of all the orders, of the Council and of the Society. He shall conduct their correspondence; attend their Meetings; take Minutes of their proceedings during their progress; and, at the commencement of every Meeting, read the Minutes of the previous Meeting. At the Ordinary Meetings he shall announce the presents made to the Society since their last Meeting; read the Certificates of Candidates for admission into the Society; and the Original Papers communicated, or Letters addressed to it. He shall make abstracts of the Papers read at the Ordinary Meetings, to be inserted in the Minutes; and see that all such Minutes and Abstracts of the proceedings, whether of the Society or of the Council, be entered in the several Minute-Books. He shall make the Indices and superintend the printing of the Society's Transactions.

43. The Secretary has, further, the immediate superintendence of all persons employed by the Society; and charge of its Books, Papers, Maps, and Drawings. He shall see that all accessions to them are properly placed and catalogued.

44. Conjointly with the Treasurer, he has charge of the accounts of the Society. And no account shall be brought before the Council, until he attest, by his counter-signature, that he has examined it, and believes it to be accurate.

PROPERTY
OF THE
SOCIETY.

45. The whole of the property and effects of the Society, of what kind soever, shall be vested in three Trustees,

for its use: one of which Trustees shall always be the Treasurer for the time being; and the remainder two shall be chosen at a General Meeting of the Society.

46. Every Paper which may be presented to the Society shall, in consequence of such presentation, be considered as the property of the Society, unless there shall have been any previous engagement with its author to the contrary: and the Council may publish the same, in any way, and at any time, that they may think proper. But should the Council refuse or neglect, within a reasonable time, to publish such Paper, the author shall have a right to copy the same, and publish it under his own directions. No other person, however, shall publish any Paper belonging to the Society, without the previous consent of the Council.

ORIGINAL
PAPERS.

ASSOCIATES.—The Society will admit by ballot, in the mode provided by the Laws of the Society for the admission of Fellows, a class of Members to be called Associates, at an Annual Subscription of One Guinea.

The privileges of an Associate to be, to receive a copy of the Society's Publications, to attend the Evening Meetings, and to make use of the Library, but to take no part in the management of the Society.

In order to be eligible as an Associate, the Candidate must be permanently resident at a distance of not less than twenty miles from London.

APPENDIX.

FORM No. 1.

A. B. [here state the Christian Name, Surname, Rank, Profession, and usual place of Residence of the Candidate] being desirous of admission into the Ethnological Society, we, the Undersigned, propose and recommend him as a proper person to become a Fellow thereof.

Witness our hands this

day of

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_____ from personal knowledge.

FORM No. 2.

I, the Undersigned, being elected a Fellow of the Ethnological Society, do hereby promise that I will be governed by the Rules of the said Society, as they are now formed, or as they may be hereafter altered or amended: provided, however, that whenever I shall signify, in writing to the Society, that I am desirous of withdrawing my name therefrom, I shall (after the payment of any Annual Contributions which may be due by me at that period, and after giving up any Books, Papers, or other property belonging to the Society, in my possession or entrusted to me,) be free from this obligation.

Witness my hand, this

day of

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FORM No. 3.

SIR,

I am directed by the Council of the Ethnological Society to inform you, that, according to their Books, the sum of _____ was due on account of your Annual Contribution on the First day of January last; the payment of which, as early as possible, is hereby requested.

I have also to inform you, that A. B. has been appointed Collector to the Society; and that in order to save you the trouble of sending your Contribution, he has been directed by the Council to wait upon you for the same.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Treasurer.

FORM No. 4.

SIR,

I am directed by the Council of the Ethnological Society to inform you, that, according to their Books, the sum of _____ was due on account of your Annual Contribution on the First day of January last; the payment of which, as early as possible, is hereby requested.

I have also to suggest, that the amount of your Contribution can be conveniently remitted by a Post-Office Order, made payable at the General Post Office, London, to my order.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Treasurer.

FORM No. 5.

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